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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

In June of last year I graduated from Indiana University with a M.A. degree in bacteriology. A few months before graduation I wrote you, asking about the possibility of working and studying with you on a part time basis. At that time all assistantships had been filled and no full time research positions were available. Since I was not able to come to study with you independently of financial support, I took a temporary government position at the National Institute of Health with Dr. R. Guthrie, working on a problem in bacterial genetics. Dr. Guthrie had then already been appointed chairman and full professor of the department of bacteriology at this university, and at the end of the summer he asked me to join the university staff as an assistant instructor, with the opportunity to work on a Ph.D. This, in short, is what I have been doing since last June.

Unfortunately, a situation arose in this department recently, which ~~lead to~~ led to Dr. Guthrie's resignation on February 28th. This came as a terrible shock to all of us who had come to the University of Kansas to work with him either on the staff or as students. Since my main scientific interest is still in the field of bacterial genetics, and since this subject will not be taught here after

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Dr. Guthrie's departure, I do not feel justified in staying on here for a degree.

So once more I am wondering if there is an opportunity for me to work with you at the University of Wisconsin towards a Ph.D. degree. Unfortunately my economic situation has not changed, that is, I still need some kind of work to support my studies.

Any suggestions you may have will be of value.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen E. Kann